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WHUH?!

WHAT...

...WHAT HAPPENED?

AND HOW DID I GET... HERE?

WHEREVER HERE IS.

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THAT *WOMAN* WHO EMERGED FROM THE COCOON.

EVE.

HER NAME WAS *EVE*, AND SHE...

...SHE TOOK THE *SOUL GEM.*

WHOEVER SHE IS, WHEREVER SHE *CAME FROM*, I WILL HAVE THE GEM...

...BACK?

WHAT'S...?

EVERYTHING I AM...

...DRAINING AWAY...

GHHH...

...AAAGH!

MONSTER ISLAND.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND *ANY* OF WHAT JUST HAPPENED...

...IS ADAM WARLOCK *DEAD?*

NOT DEAD, GENIS-VELL.

BUT LIKELY IN A *COMA.* OR *WORSE.*

COME ON, BOSS, WAKE UP.

EVE WARLOCK? ADAM NEVER MENTIONED A...*SISTER* OR WHATEVER.

WHERE THE HELL DID *SHE* COME FROM?

I'M AT A COMPLETE LOSS TO EXPLAIN *ANY* OF THIS, PIP.

SO EVE ISN'T SOMEONE YOU *KNOW?*

EVE WARLOCK ISN'T SOMEONE I KNEW *EXISTED* BEFORE FIVE MINUTES AGO.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE *COCOON* CAME FROM...

...HOW SHE TOOK ADAM'S *SOUL GEM*...

...OR WHERE SHE *WENT.*

I'M NOT SURE OF *ANYTHING.*

LOOK, I REALIZE IT'S NOT EXACTLY *SOMETHING* YOU'RE COMFORTABLE WITH, GAMORA, BUT YOU HAVE THE *TIME GEM.*

WE COULD JUMP BACK IN TIME *BEFORE* THIS EVER HAPPENED AND *PREVENT* IT.

YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO *ASK* THAT, PIP. I DON'T EVEN LIKE *HOLDING* THE TIME GEM, MUCH LESS *WIELDING* IT.

TOO *DANGEROUS*. TOO MANY UNPREDICTABLE CONSEQUENCES.

NO, WE'LL FIND ANOTHER WAY.

LOOK, I'M STILL LEARNING ON THE JOB, BUT TELL ME WHAT I CAN *DO*. SHOULD I GO *LOOKING* FOR EVE WARLOCK?

KID, EVEN IF YOU HAD YOUR *FATHER'S* COSMIC AWARENESS, FINDING EVE WOULD BE DAMN NEAR IMPOSSIBLE.

SHE COULD BE *ANYWHERE* IN THE UNIVERSE.

HANG ON, IT'S HERE *SOMEWHERE*...

...GOT IT.

WE NEED TO HELP ADAM *FIRST*, WORRY ABOUT EVE AND THE SOUL GEM LATER...

...AND THE *SPACE GEM* IS JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED.

THERE'S AN *OBVIOUS* PLACE WE NEED TO GO...

...THOUGH I DON'T KNOW IF HE'LL ACTUALLY BE GLAD TO *SEE US.*

WHERE ARE WE?

IT'S CALLED THE *SANCTUM SANCTORUM.*

I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I HAVE NO IDEA *WHY* THEY CALL IT THAT. BUT IT *SOUNDS COOL*, RIGHT?

KIND OF *SPOOKY*, TO BE HONEST.

I WAS NOT EXPECTING *VISITORS* THIS NIGHT...

...BUT HOW MAY DOCTOR STRANGE HELP YOU?

ELSEWHERE.

A PERFECT SPECIMEN...

...MORE THAN ADAM WARLOCK COULD EVER *HOPE* TO BE.

THAT IS MY *PURPOSE.*

INDEED IT IS.

YOU ARE UNLIKE THE *FLAWED VESSEL* THAT IS ADAM WARLOCK.

I AM AS I WAS MADE TO BE.

YOU WILL *EXCEED* HIM. YOU HOLD SO MUCH *PROMISE*, EVE WARLOCK.

I CREATED YOU TO HERALD A *NEW AGE*.

BECAUSE OF YOU, HUMANKIND WILL *EVOLVE*...

...BECOME *MORE* THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN. FINALLY A *BOON* TO THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE.

YOU WILL BE MOTHER TO IT ALL.

I *EMBRACE* MY ROLE.

THEN PREPARE YOURSELF...

...AND RECEIVE THE *GIFTS* OF THE **HIGH EVOLUTIONARY**

TEK

BE THE *HERO* YOU ARE MEANT TO BE.

I STAND READY AND WILLING. I PROMISE YOU...

"...MY *DESTINY* WILL BE FULFILLED."

GREENWICH VILLAGE.

IT'S AS IF *THIS* ADAM WARLOCK IS MERELY A *SHELL*...

...EMPTIED OF HIS *ESSENCE*.

HIS *SOUL*, IF YOU WILL.

CAN YOU *DO* ANYTHING?

I'M NOT ENTIRELY CERTAIN.

IT'S MORE THAN SIMPLY THE ABSENCE OF THE *GEM* YOU TOLD ME WAS STOLEN.

ADAM'S *BODY* REMAINS HERE...

...BUT WHAT MAKES ADAM...*ADAM*... IS *GONE*.

THIS VESSEL IS *ABANDONED*. WHERE HIS ESSENCE IS NOW, I CANNOT READILY SAY.

BUT ADAM IS A *UNIQUE* BEING. I CAN *SEEK HIM OUT*, WHEREVER HE MIGHT BE.

SO *THAT'S* A PLAN, RIGHT? WE JUST FIND HIM AND BRING HIM BACK?

IT ALMOST CERTAINLY WON'T BE THAT *SIMPLE*.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE *DON'T* FIND ADAM SOON?

IS HE JUST...GONE FOREVER?

UNFORTUNATELY, A REALISTIC POSSIBILITY.

IF WE ARE AGREED ON THIS COURSE...

...TIME IS IN SHORT SUPPLY.

I WILL ENDEAVOR TO FOLLOW ANY *TRAIL* THAT'S BEEN LEFT, HOWEVER FAINT.

BUT THAT TREK MUST BE UNDERTAKEN BY MY *ASTRAL FORM.*

THAT GUY GIVES ME THE *CREEPS...*

THE DARK DIMENSION...

...MERELY A *PASSAGE* ON THE JOURNEY.

ADAM'S PSYCHE MUST BE *DEEPLY* BURIED.

THERE...

OF COURSE...

...SOULWORLD.

IT TOOK SOME EFFORT TO *FIND* YOU, ADAM WARLOCK.

WHERE ELSE WOULD I BE, STEPHEN?

I SUPPOSE THAT'S TRUE. MAY I *JOIN* YOU?

YOU WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.

PIP AND GAMORA SEEK TO FIND YOU. THEY ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED.

MY FRIENDS ARE LOYAL. BUT THEY SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO *WORRY.*

THEY HAVE *BOTH* KNOWN THE PEACE OF SOULWORLD.

IT'S SO *BEAUTIFUL* HERE. WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO BE IN THIS PLACE?

HERE I CAN BE... *CONTENT.*

YOU RETREATED HERE OF YOUR *OWN* ACCORD?

I'M NO LONGER NEEDED.

MY *REPLACEMENT* ARRIVED AND CLAIMED THE SOUL GEM FOR HER OWN. EVE WARLOCK WILL SURELY DO A MUCH BETTER JOB THAN I.

I WAS ALWAYS DESTINED TO BE HERE. NO MORE *STRUGGLE.* NO MORE *PAIN.*

BUT YOU *ARE* NEEDED. YOU'RE NEEDED BY THOSE WHO *CARE* ABOUT YOU AND BY THE WIDER UNIVERSE THAT YOU HAVE *PRESERVED* MANY TIMES OVER.

YOU *MUST* REJOIN THE WORLD, ADAM.

YOU MUST RETURN TO...

...WHAT?

AAHFF?!

ADAM! TELL THEM TO STAND DOWN!

I'M SORRY, STEPHEN.

SOULWORLD *ALWAYS* PROTECTS ME.

TO BE CONTINUED!

NEXT ISSUE:

ADAM WARLOCK AND DOCTOR STRANGE MUST ESCAPE SOULWORLD!
BUT IN ORDER TO DO THAT, ADAM WILL HAVE TO FIGHT EVE HEAD-ON!
WITHOUT THE SOUL GEM, DOES ADAM STAND A CHANCE?

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